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| <b>Title:</b>        | Trocar seal assembly |                   |                |

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated 02-09-2007.

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